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COMMENCEMENT AT FISK.

ENGLISH EXHIBITION.

THE audience that greeted the annual exercises of the English department of Fisk University June, 20 was large and enthusiastic. The commodious chapel of Livingstone Hall was crowded to its uttermost capacity. The parents of the pupils of this department mostly live in the city, and were out in great numbers with their friends. On the rostrum, which was beautifully decorated with tasteful flowers, sat the faculty. Behind the faculty on the wall, the United States flag hung in graceful folds. The exercises were opened by the marching in of the school, which was done with precision and grace. Miss Hadley efficiently presided at the piano. The following programme was then taken up and carried out in a manner that reflected much credit upon the performers and honor to the teachers of this department:

Chorus, "Onward," The School.
PRAYER.

Piano Solo, *Il Penseroso*, *Hella Op. 45*
No. 16. Capitola Tate.

Oration, Determination.
William DeBerry.

Declamation, "Our Union."
Peter Smith.

Recitation, "The Ride of Jennie
McNeal." Lulu Jones.

Why Are People Poor?

Duet, *Gounod* The Violet,
Josie Vassar and Nettie Crump.
Declamation, "The Indian
Question," John W. Stewart.
Recitation, "Prayer and Potatoes."
Anna Bennett.
Chorus, "Save the Boy."
First Singing Class.
Declamation, "Asleep at the Switch,"
Samuel Thompson.
Oration, Shall Utah Become a State?
F. B. Coffin.
Recitation, "The Launching of the
Ship," Matilda E. Smith.
Essay, The Poet, Tennyson.
Annie Cowan.
Duet, Overture, *Webber*,
Willie Hadley and Sallie Jones.
Chorus, "Bye and Bye."
The School.

Our Distinguished Guests.

The various selections of music were well rendered. The articulation of the speakers was especially clear and distinct, showing much careful training. The ordinary timidity of speakers of this grade was "conspicuously" absent. The exhibition was in every way a success, and reflects much credit upon the efficient principalship of Miss Sarah Bowen. The large audience, much delighted, then dispersed. This is really the beginning of the closing exercises of the year.

MUSICAL EXHIBITION.

THE first annual exhibition of the musical department took place Friday night, June 1, before a cultured and appreciative audience, composed of students and friends.

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city. This department has greatly prospered this year, more so than any other previous year, having an enrollment of ninety over sixty last year. Misses Robinson and Chamberlin are the very efficient superintendents, and the exhibition showed that their labors had not been in vain. It is expected that this department will have an additional teacher next year.

Upon the rostrum were President Cravath, Misses Robinson and Chamberlin. On the background above hung a floral harp and staff of music. After prayer by the president, the following programme was taken up and performed in a manner eminently creditable and satisfactory:

Invocation.

Duet—"Cradle Song," Gounod,
Carrie Carney and Carrie Levell.
Vocal Duet—"Beautiful Night,"
Gounod,

Messrs Anthony and Stokes.
"L'Harmonie des Anges," Burgmüller,

Ida Mallory

"Happy Funere" Schuman

Polka Lulu Ewing.

Spindler,

Ella Rainey.
"Who Treads the Path," from Magic
Flute Mozart.

"Alla Pace," Mercadante,

T. W. Talley.

Marche Funere Beethoven.

Flora Wright.

Danse Rustique, Op. 16, Mason,

Mattie Nichol.

Andante and variations, from Op. 26
Beethoven,

Willa Hadley

5th Nocturne Leybach,

Ellen Allen.

4th Impromptu, Op. 90, Schubert,

Sallie Jones.

Serenade violin Obligato

Alice Vassar and C. K.
Chase.

Prelude in D flat, (The Raindrop)
Chopin

Arvella Bryant.
"The Chase," Rheingberger,

Mary Bennett.
"The Columbine," Delahaye,

Leonora Aray.
"Angels ever Bright and Fair,"
Händel,

Ada White.

Duet—"Overture to Euryanthe,"
Weber,

Willa Hadley and Sallie Jones.
"I Waited for the Lord," Mendelssohn.

Duet and Chorus.

Among those deserving special mention were the vocal duet by Messrs Anthony and Stokes, the vocal solo by Mr. Talley, the instrumental solo by Miss Hadley, the serenade with violin obligato by Miss Vassar and Mr. Chase, the instrumental solo of Miss Bryant, also of Miss Bennett, the vocal solo by Miss White and the duet and chorus.

COMMENCEMENT WEEK.

THURSDAY, JUNE 7.

THE opening exercises of anniversary week at Fisk took place to-night in the exhibition of the Senior Preparatory class. This event is always looked forward to with much interest, and despite the threatened inclemency of the weather, a good audience greeted the class of '92 on its entrance to college. On the rostrum sat the faculty. Pres. Cravath presided. The class motto was wrought in beautiful floral letters: "Vires acquirimus eundo."

The exercises were opened with music, a piano solo, excellently rendered by Miss Vassar.

After a trio by Misses White and Robinson and Mr. Stokes, the literary part of the programme was taken up by A. S. Fitzpatrick on the "Development of the Negro." He advised the Negro to educate and cultivate all the powers of himself, and spoke with much vigor.

D. P. Webster followed with "The Crescent and the Cross" in a way that showed much research. He traced out the progress and the eventful triumph of the cross over all obstacles.

"The Destiny of the English Language" was the subject of J. L. Murray's oration. In elegant style he portrayed the advantages of the English over other languages, and held that the culmination of its destiny would be in America.

Miss Dorsey then rendered a beautiful soprano solo.

D. W. Sherrod discoursed upon the "Monroe Doctrine," paying a tribute to its founder. Said he: "America owes her peace and great prosperity to the Monroe doctrine."

O. C. Garrett spoke upon the "Hero of Dutch Independence," William of Orange. His speech showed much research, and was delivered with enthusiasm.

Mr. Talley rendered in a deep, rich bass voice a solo.

"A peep into Germany," was the subject chosen by W. H. Stokes. In graphic description he depicted Germany in some of its most thrilling and exciting crises, but said that to-day it stands forth as one of the greatest nations of the world.

"Money and Our Government" was treated by I. H. Anthony. He argued that there being but slight difference in the coins of the various

nations of the world, the money of the world should be unified. Money is power.

The President then called the class upon the rostrum, and in fitting words admitted the seven young orators to the collegiate department of Fisk University. Four of the class were absent teaching and only seven were present to be formally admitted. The exercises were very enjoyable to the audience, judging from the applause which each speaker received. The speakers were also complimented with handsome floral gifts.

The exercises were closed with the "Benedictus" by the Mozart Society.

FRIDAY, JUNE 8th.

THE beginning of the examination of classes at Fisk took place to-day afternoon. A *Democrat* reporter visited the classes being examined in Greek by Prof. Spence, in Geology by Prof. Chase, and in Latin by Prof. Morgan, each of which evinced marked proficiency, giving ample evidence of the quickness of apprehension with which the students grasped these higher and difficult studies.

At 3 o'clock the exhibition of the German class was held in the chapel of Livingstone Hall, at which many Germans were present. The class consisted of twenty-five members, under the tutorship of Prof. Bennett. In the dining-room the class has separate tables at which the conversations are carried on in German. The exercises were conducted entirely in German, including prayer, music, doxology, etc. The following is the programme as carried out:

DRITTE DEUTSCHE VORSTELLUNG.

Fisk Universitaet Freitag den Sten Juni, 3
Uhr nachmittags.

Musik

Gebet.

Gebet.

Musik

Immer Voran.

Rede

Bismarck.

Herr H. W. Armistead, Nashville, Tenn.

Aufsatz

Der Gil.

Fr'l. Emma Terry, Nashville, Tenn.

Musik—Duett

Ich Wollt' meine Lieb.

Rede

Fred Douglass.

Herr J. L. Neill, Nashville, Tenn.

Aufsatz

Die Belagerung Vicksburgs.

Fr'l. Maggie J. Murray, Macon, Miss.

Musik

Walddust.

Rede

Christoph Columbus.

Herr H. J. Bennett, Nashville, Tenn.

Rede

Kaiser Wilhelm.

Herr J. Q. Johnson, Nashville, Tenn.

Musik

Abendglocken.

Rede

Die Jubilaeums Gesaenge.

Herr T. J. Calloway, Cleveland, Tenn.

Debatte—Sollten die Frauen das Stimmrecht haben?

Bejahend—A. D. McClellan, Nashville.

Verneinend—C. K. Chase, Nashville, Tenn.

Musik

Chor aus Taubhaeuser.

Doxology

Segensspruch.

The German part of the audience was especially enthusiastic in applause as each speaker closed. The debate was warmly discussed and called forth enthusiasm. At the close of the exercises Prof. Bennett gave in German the appointments for the rest of the week. Not an English word was used during the whole exercises. The exercises were closed with a few appropriate words of commendation by Rev. Mr. Barth.

AT NIGHT

THE literary societies went through with their annual exercises.

W. E. B. DuBois, C. L. Coleman and B. T. Phelps, the presidents of the B. K. B., Y. L. L., and U. L. S., respectively, presided.

Music, a violin and piano duet, was given by C. K. Chase and Miss Bennett. The execution was good and the performers displayed acquaintance with their instruments.

Prayer was offered by President E. M. Cravath.

Music, vocal solo, "The Jewish Maiden," was tastefully rendered by Miss White.

B. T. Phelps stated the object of the societies.

A pleasant and interesting essay, "Pen Pictures of Philadelphia in Nineteen Hundred," was read in a captivating manner by Miss M. A. McClellan of Wartrace, Tenn.

"The Imagination" was well rendered by B. F. Miller of Nashville, Tenn.

Music, duet, "I Live and Love Thee," was sweetly sung by Misses Dorsey and Nichol.

C. H. Dodge of St. Louis, Mo., discussed "The Dangers of Our Government" in a states-manlike and intelligent manner.

"The Right Celebration," an essay, was put in a keen, pointed, witty way by Miss M. E. Bennett of Nashville, Tenn.

"To Agitate or Not to Agitate" was attacked and set forth in a clear, logical and scholarly manner by H. H. Proctor of Fayetteville, Tenn.

Miss O. J. Lischey of Nashville, added to the entertainment of the audience by a well-written and well-read essay on "The Lyceum of Pudding Lane."

Music, quartet, "Come Where the Lilies Bloom so Fair," was well sung by Misses Bowers and Stewart and Messrs Anthony and Tulley.

Debate—Resolved, "That the coun-

try is in Greater Danger from Political Corruption than from Monopolies."

Affirmative was maintained in an emphatic, impressive and earnest way by J. H. Nichols, East Nashville.

T. P. Harris, Macon, Miss., insisted on the negative in such a lucid, reasonable and eloquent manner as to gain the earnest attention of the audience.

Music, "He Watching Over," by Mendelssohn, a chorus, was sung with peculiar delicacy and effect by the Mozart Society. Benediction.

SUNDAY, JUNE 10th.

TO-DAY is commencement Sunday at Fisk. The transparent clouds mitigating the rays of the sun and the delightfulness of the stiff western breezes wafted from the river and verdure-robed valley beyond, conspire to make it a delightful June day in doors on the high elevation on which Fisk stands.

At 9 o'clock the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. meetings were held for the last time in the year in Livingstone and Jubilee Halls, respectively. At 11 the audience assembled in Livingstone Hall for the annual missionary services. The chapel was tastefully decorated with a few choice flowers. A beautiful floral star shone brilliantly from the back ground above the rostrum. The church choir furnished excellent music for the occasion. Before the sermon a letter was read from B. F. Ousley, a graduate of the University, now a missionary at Inhambane, Africa. The letter, after returning thanks for and reciting the uses of the bell sent there by the students last year, made

a strong plea for others to come over and help in Christianizing and civilizing Africa.

Prof. Spence, president of the missionary society, then introduced Dr. Candler, who preached the missionary sermon. He expounded the parable of the Samaritan, upon which he said his discourse would be based. Many men pretend to be seeking for the truth when they are only seeking for a pretext. Do not seek to find who your neighbor is but what your duty is. No people are to-day shut up from the gospel. We used to pray to God to open the doors. This has been more than done. They have been taken off the hinges. Since the doors are open has God given us any resources? Yes, we are the richest nation of the world, richer than Babylon and Ninevah.

What providence has God given to you as college students? He has given you the bruised ones at your homes to heal; that familiar voice calls you to the eastern shore of Africa.

It is a queer fact that wickedness spreads more rapidly than righteousness among heathen nations. A few merchants with a godless traffic easily destroy what the missionary tries to do with a godful sermon. We must save the heathen or they will destroy us. Would we save men we must be filled with love not even fearing death, as the mother snatches the child from the track before an advancing locomotive, risking her own life to save its. Perfect love casts out fear. Nothing will deliver us from our duty but that commendation from the Lord: "He has done what he could." As a church takes hold of this kind of work it is enlarged.

I am glad that you, here at Fisk, are reaching out your sympathies to the world, and especially to that one continent, Africa; for if you did not I would be afraid you would freeze into a cold orthodoxy. Do what comes to you, keeping your eyes open to the world, and in due time God will bring that work to your hands for which you are best fitted.

Dr. Candler preached with powerful effect, his discourse abounding in wisdom, vivid illustrations and clear-cut logic. The services were appropriately closed by singing the missionary hymn.

Afternoon

At 3 o'clock, despite the falling rain, many were present, white and colored, from the city to hear the baccalaureate sermon by President Cravath. Among the prominent persons in the audience were noticeable Judge East and wife, Judge Lawrence, Mr. Richard Harris, Mr. E. C. Wells, Rev. J. W. Whitaker, Mr. S. W. Crosthwait and wife and others.

Dr. Cravath took as his text St John, xix, 36: "My kingdom is not of this world." He narrated the circumstances connected with the crucifixion of Christ. Some hold that persons cannot sin in heaven, which is equivalent to saying they can not attain to righteousness. This the Pantheists hold. I do not believe we shall be stripped of moral attributes, and be simply instruments to be played upon by another. The finite mind can not cross over the gulf which lies between it and Infinitude. A certain philosopher has said,

"There is nothing great in the world but man; and nothing great in man but mind." The mind belongs to the realm of powers, and not to things.

Christ's kingdom is *in* but not *of* this world. It is broad. Christ is the most potent personage that ever appeared in history. His kingdom is everlasting. Rome fell but His kingdom can never fall; it belongs not to the realm of material things, and is destined to universal sway. This kingdom is one of motives, not of force. The conditions of citizenship are simple. In spreading this kingdom it must be done not by the sword, but by preaching the gospel of peace. Not enough is said often of Christ as the law-giver. The crown must be preached as well as the cross.

At this point he requested the graduating class to rise, and said:

You have been much in my mind while writing this last sermon of the year, and I have tried to say something that would help you. Be ye loyal to this kingdom and its king. Those that go forth weeping bearing precious seed shall doubtless come rejoicing, bringing back their sheaves. In behalf of the faculty and trustees of Fisk University I invoke upon you the blessing of God as you go forth to your life work, for which you have here been preparing.

The Doctor delivered an impressive and profound sermon in his usual emphatic and impressive way.

MONDAY, JUNE 11th.

AFTER the usual chapel worship, the students repaired to their various classrooms where classes were examined in Horace, Phaedo, Ancient History, Virgil, Algebra, Moral Philosophy, Astronomy, Virgil, beginning Greek, Vocal Music and all the English branches.

On account of the fire which occurred in Jubilee Hall, the exercises at night were begun an half hour later than the appointed time, an unusual thing for Fisk gatherings.

Notwithstanding, a larger audience than greeted any other of the exercises of commencement week greeted the graduating exercises of the Normal department, persons being glad to get even standing room. Above the rostrum on a white back-ground were wrought with beautiful effect in dark letters the class motto: "Character is destiny."

The exercises were opened with a piano solo by Miss Hadley, followed with prayer by Rev. C. S. Smith, after which a solo and quartette, "The Cloister Gate," was sung with most charming effect, the soloist being on the rostrum and the quartette being behind the scenes.

Henry Watson Armistead was then introduced, who put the query, "Is Popular Government a Failure?" Popular government is of, for and by the people. He depicted the evils which reign in our country, from which he would deduce that, to a great extent, popular government is a failure. His speech was delivered in an impressive and vigorous style. The speaker was the recipient of

many floral tributes as well as other presents.

Misses Robinson and White followed in a well rendered duet, "Swallows, Farewell."

Rev. C. S. Smith, secretary of the A. M. E. S. S. Union, was introduced and delivered the address to the graduating class on "Our Duty." This is a remarkable age and calls for remarkable men and women. After reciting the political history of the Negro he advised the young men to seek their sphere and strive to fill it. Our young men must not only imitate but originate. When you forget your Latin and Greek your kit of tools will be ready at your hands. Our young men think when they go through college they must be professional. This is erroneous. His address which was of considerable length, abounded in good and wholesome advice, and was well received by the vast concourse, who frequently interrupted with applause. Dr. Smith made a brilliant effort.

The Jubilee Club then rendered a jubilee song with taking effect, which was encored.

The President then called upon the rostrum and delivered certificates to the following, completing the elementary Normal course: Misses Coleman, Payne, Coffin, L. Harris, Bryant, Compton, Lindsley, Davis, Jackson, Bransford, Gott, M. Harris and Nolen.

Mr. Armistead, the only graduate this year from the Normal department, was called to the rostrum, to whom the president, after congratulating him for the perseverance which he had shown while others had

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EDITORIAL.

THE exercises of an anniversary week were among the most interesting in the history of the University. The orations and essays were good and evinced thought and research; the addresses by invited speakers were excellent; the decorations simple and beautiful, and every thing in fact chimed in to give the Classes of '88 a fitting farewell.

THE model school has been even more prosperous than ever before. This has been the third year under Mrs. Greene, and the growing pros-

perity of the school is the best testimony to her wise and energetic management.

The Intermediate school loses its efficient teacher, as Miss Matthews has decided in favor of foreign missionary work under the A. B. C. F. M. She has been assigned to Macedonia and Turkey.

THE department of music has been remarkably prosperous during the present year under the very efficient labor of Misses Robinson and Chamberlin. There have been 82 pupils in pianoforte and 8 in voice culture, of whom 11 joined the University for instruction in music. The methods of instruction are those of the best conservatories of music and the university proposes to carry pupils in music to graduation. No new pianos have been purchased the past year. The Mozart Society is raising a fund for the purchase of a pipe organ.

ANOTHER year of Fisk has passed into history. It has on the whole been a year for which both Faculty and students may feel grateful to God. The regular routine of duties has been well performed; new lines of work have been taken up; the higher departments have been fuller than usual; there has been little serious illness, and no deaths; the relations of Faculty and students have been, as they always are, of the most cordial nature. Upon such a record we can look back with grateful hearts and forward with renewed zeal to the great work before us.

EDITORIAL TOOTH-PICK.

TUESDAY, JUNE 12th.

"COME at last our parting day," and even the mice in Jubilee Hall sat disconsolately in the corner and silently wept. They're gone, nearly every one, professors, teachers, boys, girls, A. B's, everybody, everything and the editor's umbrella. And he (not the umbrella, but the editor) sits in his shirt-sleeves, his large and lustrous eyes suffused (Webster, p. 13322, 3rd col.) with tears and ice water, to make his last obeisance to his many readers. (I hereby certify that Bob Ingersoll appeared before me and certified that this paper had a circulation of 17,932,456 copies on the planets Jupiter, Earth, Mars, Venus etc. Wm. Evarts (Gladstone, potare Nublie) He is about to step down and out, and he wishes to give notice that hereafter he is not responsible for everybody on the HERALD who does not attend to his business. He would write more at length, he would expatiate, but (tears) emotion chokes his utterance. Good-bye, gentle grumbler, may your sun ne'er go down, may you be ever joyous and never edit the HERALD.

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THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF and STAFF, '88.

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fallen by the way side, delivered his diploma.

The exercises were closed with music by the Mozart Society.

TODAY classes were examined at Fisk until noon in the following subjects: German, Trigonometry, English literature, Latin, Antigone, Botany, De Senectute, Geometry, higher Arithmetic, and the English branches. Classes were also examined in the Intermediate and Model schools, which are schools designed to fit pupils for the English school.

After examinations were over the students assembled in the collegiate room and the University chapel to hear the reports of their standing in studies for the year. There are five grades, first, second, third, and also condition and "not passed." Quite a number passed first and second, a good many third and a small minority conditioned. The year's work on the whole was very creditable and satisfactory to both teachers and students.

At 3:30 the alumni associations met in the parlors of Jubilee Hall for the purpose of transacting the business of the year, and for the reception of members.

At night the anniversary exercises of the alumni associations took place before an immense audience, excelling the large audience of the previous night. The aisles were crowded with chairs and the adjoining recitation rooms were opened. In beautiful expanse on the wall stretched the United States flag, above which was the motto of the college and normal alumni, respectively: "Fidelitas Almae Matri et inter Nos Unitas," "Qualis Vita Finis Ita." On the rostrum sat W. H. Hodgkins, Prof. L. C. Anderson, President W. R. Morris, Presi-

dent Sallie P. Burrus, of Normal alumni, Rev. Geo. M. McClellan, Mrs. Minnie L. Crosthwait, Miss Georgia M. Gordon, Mrs. Ava Brown Dismukes, and J. M. Turpin.

After music prayer was offered by Rev. Geo. M. McClellan. Following a duet and chorus Pres. Morris eloquently set forth the statu quo of the college alumni. Pres. Burrus spoke for the Normal alumni "who," said she, "are few in number, but are doing all they can for Fisk University." (Applause.)

Miss Georgia M. Gordon, a member of the original Jubilee Singers, was introduced amid applause and rendered a solo in magnificent style to the great delight of the audience.

Mrs. M. L. Crosthwait of Nashville then proceeded to deliver the address to the normal alumni on "Nehemiah's Plan." She said it was on account of the self-denial and devotion of Nehemiah to his people that she chose this subject, from which she would draw an important lesson. She described the manner in which Nehemiah built the wall around Jerusalem. Have we a wall to build? Yes, one more important than the one around Jerusalem. The walls around our society are so badly broken down that we are led to cry out as Nehemiah; "How long will we be the prey of all nations?" We must build up by educating the youth. They must have an education that will call for a diploma in the world beyond. She then proceeded to go into details as to how these walls of society should be rebuilt, placing especial stress upon cleanliness and moral training for the young, the reading of trashy literature, the vote-bartering and the rum traffic. The address

was thoughtful, excellent and well delivered, the speaker's clear voice filling every part of the large chapel.

Miss Vassar, accompanied by a semi-chorus, sang with touching pathos "Sewanee River."

Prof. L. C. Anderson, '80, of Texas, was introduced and delivered the address before the college alumni, choosing for his subject "Our Common School System." After an introduction, in which he told of the occupation and work of his classmates one of whom, his brother, had died, he came to the subject proper. The historian notes with pleasure the continuous improvement of the common school system. Government is more rapidly passing into the hands of the masses; hence the importance of the stability of this system. The public school now has the sentiment of the country in its favor, which formerly it did not have. If time will be given, this system will assimilate the differences of the peoples of the south. Our school system has up to this time failed to reach the foreigners, who with their un-American ideas refuse to assimilate themselves with us. Our education should be largely utilitarian. The industrial idea must be introduced. When this system has been perfected the strikes and disturbances of our country will be of the past. The address was listened to with much interest and abounded in strong thought, well put.

After the rendition of the "Hallelujah Chorus," by the Mozart society the benediction was pronounced.

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COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13th.

THE twenty-first annual commencement day at Fisk dawned brightly, the most beautiful day of commencement week. Long before 10 o'clock, the appointed time, persons, white and colored, began to come in great numbers from the city in vehicles and on foot. Shortly before 10 a procession was formed at Jubilee Hall in the following order, which marched to the chapel of Livingstone Hall, where the exercises were to be held: Young men, young ladies, graduating class, normal alumni, college alumni, faculty and invited guests. When the procession reached Livingstone all marched in in reverse order, the invited guests going in first.

The audience was immensely large, the adjoining rooms being opened. The audience was noticeably fashionable and intellectual. On the rostrum were Judge Lawrence, Pres. Cravath, Rev. C. H. Richards D. D., Madison, Wis., Rev. J. W. Whittaker, Rev. E. P. Gilbert, Rev. Mr. Caldwell, Rev. Bedford Greene, Prof. Chase, Prof. L. C. Anderson, Hempstead, Texas, Rev. J. M. Gilmore, Dr. Howard, Dr. Braden and reporters.

A few minutes after 10 o'clock the graduating class marched in amid cheers. Miss L. A. Bowers, Galveston, Texas, Miss Maria Benson, Nashville, Tenn., Miss Mary Stewart, Oswego, N. Y., W. E. DuBois, Great Barrington, Mass., and L. H. Tindall, Aberdeen, Miss., composed the class.

The semi-chorus was rendered from Mendelssohn, "As the Hart Pants,"

in excellent style; after which Rev. Mr. Caldwell, pastor of St. Paul A. M. E. Church, of this city, offered prayer, in which he thanked God especially for Fisk University, and invoked His blessings upon those about to depart for their life work.

"Drift My Barque" was rendered by Misses Bowers and Stewart of the graduating class in a creditable manner.

The first essay was presented by Miss Maria A. Benson, who chose as her subject "Thought, the Prime Condition of Progress." Democracy tends to produce thought. For this reason we find the deepest thought seated in Greece. All discoveries and inventions are due to thought. This is manifest by observing the works of such men as Newton and Franklin. All great thinkers are teachers. Brilliant thought, like a shining star, attracts the masses. Whenever thought ceases to be the guiding star of the nation then ignorance and chaos will reign supreme. Many floral tributes were given to the essayist.

"The Anglo-Saxon Element in Modern Civilization," was treated by Miss Leonora A. Bowers. Their language is the mother tongue of the English language. Our best writers make use of those incisive Saxon terms. The essayist then traced the history of the Anglo-Saxon race from its inception to its final supremacy over the world. The Anglo-Saxon civilization is destined to predominate throughout the world. The essay was characterized by strong thought and eloquent diction. The speaker was the recipient of many gifts.

W. E. B. DuBois chose as his subject "Bismarck." In graphic style he de-

scribed the various thrilling crises through which Germany has passed, making Bismarck the principal figure. William I was made emperor by the grace of God and the genius of Bismarck. Germany must have a Bismarck or there will come the deluge. Bismarck will always be known as the man who gave his life to his country. Bismarck, the Iron Chancellor, the man of one idea! The oration was delivered in an enthusiastic and oratorical style that held the closest attention of the audience.

T. W. Talley rendered with a deep, rich bass voice "Why do the Nations?"

Miss Mary Stewart discussed upon "Women in Public Life." The mission of education is to give training to men and women alike. The development of woman is the greatest movement of the age. Let education form the moral and intellectual capabilities of woman and nature will take care of her. As a citizen woman has rights which men ought not to overlook. She held that the appearance of woman in public life would tend to drive out corruption. Her speech was loudly applauded, especially by the women and the advocates of woman suffrage.

L. H. Tindall delivered the last oration, on "Feudalism in England." The feudal system may be said to have reached its climax at the Norman conquest. His oration traced out the history of this system in a clear and concise manner.

Miss Robinson then rendered "Aria from Ezio."

The annual address was then delivered by Rev. C. H. Richards, D. D., on "Making Life Beautiful." By way of introduction he said the essays which had been delivered would do

credit to any institution for originality and felicity of thought well expressed. The love of the beautiful and of art dwells in all minds, however humble. This was shown by various illustrations. The beautiful colors and forms we see about us are but the alphabet of art. Not every one who can manipulate words in rhythmic manner is a poet, nor is every one who can handle colors an artist. Art is the real expression of an idea. The art of making life beautiful is the highest art. The art of painting, sculpture and statuary find their counterpart in human nature. In making life beautiful we must be true to the laws of nature which God has given us, just as the artist must conform to nature or fail. We admire simplicity. To follow the divine law will make us in life fair and beautiful. Integrity is one of the prime features in this accomplishment. Utility is half of beauty. The speaker here insisted that young people be useful would they be beautiful. The wife, thought very beautiful by her husband before marriage, seems the reverse when he finds there is nothing but glitter. Joyful enthusiasm is also one of the essential elements. Students in schools like this are apprentices in a great studio. Yours are the artistic hands which must make your own life beautiful. Let us strive to make our life the living embodiment of God's expression. The address was listened to throughout with rapt attention.

The Jubilee club then rendered "Sparkles in the Church Yard," after which the members of the graduating class were called upon the rostrum, to whom President Cravath after a few

parting words, delivered their diplomas, conferring upon each the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Before returning from the rostrum the class sang their "parting song," of which the following are the last two stanzas:

Farewell teachers, schoolmates all,
Though the tear is starting
We would not the past recall
Nor regret the parting;
What'er to come may be our lot
We'll forward go and falter not,
And never shalt thou be forgot,
Dearest Alma Mater!

One strain again for "eighty-eight,"
Classmates dear forever,
Our loyalty shall ne'er abate,
Never and no, never!
And when shall come the final day
And we from earth must pass away,
Each for other then shall pray,
And dearest Alma Mater!

The degree of master of arts was conferred upon C. H. Duncan, '85, R. P. Neal, '80, and Lena T. Jackson, '85.

After the President's making some announcements in regard to next year the Mozart Society rendered in magnificent style the famous "Hallelujah" chorus.

At 2 o'clock the students and those holding tickets repaired to Jubilee Hall to the commencement collation, where after a sumptuous feast post-prandial speeches were made in happy vein by Prof. Bennett, Mr. Napier, Judge Lawrence, Mr. W. N. Cummings, Mr. P. R. Burrus, Miss Mary Stewart, Mr. H. W. Armistead, Dr. Owen of Roger Williams University, Dr. Hubbard of Maharry Medical College, D. N. Crosthwait of the city schools, Miss L. A. Parmelee, Rev. Mr. Lathrop, Dr. Richards, Prof. Pheary of Vanderbilt, Rev. E. C.

Stickel and Prof. Chase. Prof. Anderson closed the exercises in a brief prayer.

Thus closed the 21st page in the history of the work of Fisk University.

PERSONAL.

A. T. Morrell left on the 19th ult.
D. P. Webster left the 16th for Clarksville.

C. H. Dodge has left for St. Louis.

Miss Mary Coffin goes to her home for vacation.

B. T. Phlepes will teach in Lincoln co.

J. H. Nichols will probably teach in July.

J. A. Lester goes to Tiptonville, for his summer work.

A. B. Jowett goes to Arkansas to teach.

Miss Murray will teach in Lincoln co.

Miss Terry spends vacation at home.

Misses Gott and Jackson remain at Jubilee Hall awaiting schools.

W. H. Lanier has begun teaching at Black Hawk, Miss.

Wm. Sevier left on the 26th ult. for Brownsville, his home.

Miss Chamberlin will pass the vacation at Treasurer Stickel's.

L. H. Tindall left the 15th for Texas where he will teach.

Rev. Geo. M. McClellan spent commencement week here.

Rev. W. L. Taylor was here recently. He was looking well.

Prof. Chase will spend the summer in the North.

Miss Wells will remain for some time in Nashville.

C. O. Hunter assisted in the composition of this number. After remaining a few days he goes to Culleoka where he taught last year.

Miss Parmelee's summer address will be 2113 Putnam st., Toledo, Ohio. She would certainly enjoy hearing from "her boys."

Miss Cahill goes soon to Michigan to spend awhile with her aunt, afterward going to Oswego, N. Y. Her address will be Fisk University.

Miss Mary Stewart will spend the summer in Lincoln county. In the fall she will be instructor in mathematics at the Tuskegee normal school, Ala.

Miss Ballentine will visit the home and friends of her childhood, in Virginia, on her way to Bloomfield, New Jersey, where she will be part of the vacation.

Pres. Cravath leaving Nashville will attend a meeting of the Trustees in New York; after that he plans to spend the summer in quiet repose with his family at his home in Minnesota.

H. H. Proctor after getting out this issue of the HERALD goes to his home, Fayetteville, near which place he will teach a small school, meanwhile gaining much needed rest.

Prof. H. S. Bennett and daughter Mary go to Oberlin to witness the graduation of O. J. Bennett; after that they go to Grand View, Tenn., where they will pass the summer with the rest of the family.

Messrs Fortson, Calloway, Talley, Douglass McClellan, and Anthony will spend vacation at Minnetonka beach, Minn. There plan is to give some concerts a part of the time. Success to them.

Miss E. E. Snow will teach in West Tenn.

L. J. Watkins will teach in Lincoln co.

W. J. Whitsett spends vacation at Lathrop, Mo.

W. H. Lanier has begun teaching at Black Hawk, Miss.

S. W. Armstrong was called home during anniversary week.

Miss Nannie Davis goes home, Georgia, this year for vacation.

Miss M. J. Nichol was called home during commencement week.

Miss Nannie McPine left for her home the 14th, and will either teach or make a class during the summer.

Mrs. McFarland and Misses Bowen and Matthews visited Mammoth cave on the way to their homes; the latter goes to Bulgaria as a missionary next year.

Wm. Jenkins after a term's work in the Tuskegee Normal as instructor in mathematics spent anniversary week at Fisk, en route to Minnesota where he will spend vacation and then reenter Fisk in the fall.

It is to be very much regretted that R. C. Edmondson was compelled to give up his course only a few months before graduation, and it is hoped that he will return next year. Few of our students can lay claim to as much literary culture as he.

Mrs. P. R. Burrus met with a painful accident a few days ago. While out buggy riding with her husband and others the horse becoming frightened, ran away. In jumping out she received some injuries internal and external which may prove somewhat serious. At this writing she is improving.

J. C. Allen and Wm. Brooks left for their homes on the 23rd ult.

Mr C. C. Phillips or Roger Williams University was here recently.

G. D. Field left the 26th ult. for Tiptonville where he will teach.

Rev. H. B. Fussell of Hampton, Va. spent several days with us recently.

L. B. Moore left on the 22nd ult. for Florence, Alabama, his home.

Miss Bowers, after graduation, goes to her home in Texas for rest.

Miss Benson will teach a country school during the summer months.

W. N. Cummings, Nor. '82, spent commencement week at the University.

James Mayo left last month for Mont Eagle where he will spend the summer.

W. E. DuBois will spend the vacation in Minnesota. He will enter Harvard next fall.

L. P. Driver spent several days here last month. He plans to be in school next year.

J. D. Miller and wife left the 16th for Chicago. She does not expect to return next year.

H. E. King left on the 19th ult. for West Tennessee where he will teach during the summer.

Mrs. Greene and Miss Edwards left on commencement day for their northern homes.

Miss Robinson will pass the summer with relatives and friends in Kansas.

Mrs. Penfield has gone to Oberlin for the present, but will spend part of the vacation at Chautauqua.

Prof. Morgan will be in Oberlin the rest of June, and during July and August; and then she will return to Fisk.

Treasurer Stickel will take a flying trip to the North, but his address will be Nashville all the summer.

J. N. Calloway after spending a week here on the gymnasium will go to West Tenn. to teach his old school.

D. W. Sherrod, Jr. after assisting in the typographical work of this issue goes to Tipton co. to spend a quiet summer.

E. E. Woodard will have charge of an institute in Marshall co. with J. H. Bishop, after which he will teach.

Prof. Morris' summer address will be Nashville, but he will travel in the interest of the University awhile in the South.

Prof. Wright will spend the summer at his residence, preparing to make things mathematically warm for the classes next year.

Prof. Spence will spend the summer in the North visiting different places among which will be the place of his early days in Michigan.

Mrs. Jenkins will spend part of the summer in Greencastle, Ind. We hope she will be well rested for her duties next year.

G. T. Robinson, W. A. and D. N. Crosthwait, P. R. Burrus, were among the alumni who took dinner with us commencement.

J. L. Murray will have charge of the HERALD for the summer. He will spend his nights at the residence of Prof. Spence.

Miss Harriet Kimbro, Nor. '75, the first normal class of the University to graduate, was at the commencement exercises. She has been in Boston for some years as book-agent, but intends to work in the south for the future.

FIRE IN JUBILEE HALL.

ABOUT 6 o'clock Monday evening, June the 11th, when the young men were filing out of Jubilee Hall from supper the odor of smoke was perceptible, but nothing was thought wrong as such an odor is often present from the engine room near below. However, when they had reached Livingstone Hall, a quarter of a mile distant, the alarm of fire was given. The young men procured all the fire extinguishing apparatus of Livingstone and hastened to the scene. Arrived there they found general fright among the ladies, some of whom by this time had their effects out on the ground. The young men, coatless, applied themselves heroically to the work. The fire company, although the University is outside the corporate limits, responded in a few minutes, but when it arrived the fire was under control. Openings were cut into the dining room floor, also the second, and third floors, and into the wainscoting and walls on first and third floors, into which water was wisely and opportunely put in abundance.

The fire was occasioned by an overheated small pipe from the laundry stove in the basement, which ignited the timber nearest it. It was discovered in the dining room, when the flames were rapidly ascending inside the partition. The damage does not reach more than \$300 which will be covered by Insurance. But for timely and heroic work this magnificent hall costing, with its equipage, nearly \$200,000, the generous gift of the Jubilee Singers, would to-day be a smouldering heap of ashes!

The general deportment of the students, on the whole, was excellent; so much so that President Cravath took occasion in chapel exercises the following morning to bestow especial commendation.

OUR PRESIDENT.

[Continued from last month.]

HE purchased property in Atlanta and opened a school which has

grown into Atlanta University. He opened less prominent schools at Macon, Ga., and several other points.

In the fall of 1886 he was called to the office of District Secretary in Cincinnati, O. Here he spent four years superintending the work of the A. M. A. in the Middle West Dept. He was now called to New York and given charge of the whole southern work of the Association. It would make my sketch too long if I should speak of the struggles of Fisk University during its early years and of the training and sending forth of the Jubilee Singers, in all of which Pres. Cravath was deeply interested. In 1875 he became President of Fisk University, after spending three years in Europe directing the work of the Jubilee Singers. In the Autumn of 1878 he returned to this country and took charge of the University.

That the right man was chosen at the right time and for the right place, no word of mine is necessary to convince the hundreds of students who call Fisk their home and Pres. Cravath their father. But to those who know him only at a distance I would speak of his qualities and of his character as we see them. In his office he is stern but considerate, in the class-room strict but affable, in his family he is gentle and exceedingly kind, on the platform before the school alone or in company with distinguished guests, he is graceful and dignified. If you should ask me to mention the most prominent and at the same time the most characteristic and valuable quality in Pres. Cravath's administration, I would say *deliberateness*.

Without question, the stern experience of ten years of administrative work under the American Missionary Association, and three years of residence in Europe, have given him a knowledge of men and practical affairs and the ability to clearly discriminate between the real and apparent and have eminently qualified him to stand at the head of Fisk University.

M. J. Murray, '89.